

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 7, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

COMMUNICATIONS

CABINET ACCEPTANCE OF TELESAT MERGER AND REJECTION OF CRTC DECISION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the cabinet decision last Thursday which fundamentally affects the future of telecommunications in this country, and in view of the arrogant, arbitrary and regressive decision of the cabinet on Thursday last rejecting the decision of the CRTC of August 24 opposing the merger of Telesat with TCTS on the basis it was against the public interest, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That, since the Minister of Communications has become an advocate for monopolies and has failed to discharge her duty to defend and uphold the independence and integrity of the CRTC, she tender her resignation forthwith.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please, the presentation of any such motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

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TRANSPORT

SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION OF HALL REPORT TO CREATE RAILWAY-RELATED JOBS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise too under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, I should like to thank members of the Conservative party. Obviously, their convention was a rousing success and I note that their generosity has split over to this part of the House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the railways have announced cutbacks affecting some 6,000 jobs in the recent past or in the early future, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House instructs the government to commit itself to a full implementation of the Hall Royal Commission report as one means of ensuring that more needed railway-related jobs will take place in the prairies, Quebec and Atlantic Canada.

Mr. Speaker: This motion can only be presented under the provisions of Standing Order 43 with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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GRAIN

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON NEW MARKETING STRATEGIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Having regard to recent predictions advanced by the Economic Council of Canada of a gloomy future for prairie grain farmers because of rising costs, depressed prices and a poor export potential, and given the fact that senior marketing analysts have predicted that Canada's future grain exports will fall by more than 20 per cent by the mid-1980s, and further given the fact that outstanding farm debt has doubled in the last six years from \$4.3 to \$8.5 billion, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Wise):

That the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board make a statement on motions at the earliest possible date outlining to the farmers and the people of Canada what new initiatives and marketing strategies are being proposed by the Canadian Wheat Board and the government of Canada to improve our export position, and further indicate what export targets and income prospects may be attainable into the 1980s in order that the producers may plan their futures in a more orderly manner.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of such a motion. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Some hon. Members: Nay.